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**Directions:** Select one the following pieces about Emmett Till. Read and mark the text. Write a reaction and connection between the book and the piece you selected. What is the tone of the piece (**how does the author feel**)? What is the mood of the piece (**how does it make you feel**)? How does the piece connect to the book? **Use textual evidence.**

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| **About the author:** Langston Hughes (1902-1967) Langston Hughes was an American poet, novelist, and playwright whose African-American themes made him a primary contributor to the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s. | **About the author:** Bob Dylan (1941- ) is a folk rock singer-songwriter whose career began in the early 1960s with songs that chronicled social issues like war and civil rights. |
| The Money Mississippi Blues (1955)  I don’t want to go to Money, honey,  not Money, Mississippi!  no, I wouldn’t go to Money, honey,  down in Mississippi.  There’s pity, sorrow, and pain 5  in Money, Mississippi.  Tears and blood like rain  in Money, Mississippi,  in Money, Mississippi!  His father died for democracy 10  fighting in the army over the sea.  His father died for the U. S. A.  Why did they treat his son this a-way?  in Money, Money, Mississippi,  Money, Mississippi. 15  His mother worked to raise her child,  dressed him neat, kept him from running wild.  She sent him to the country when vacation came,  but he never got back to Chicago the same.  They sent him back in a wooden box---- 20  from Money, Money, Mississippi,  Money, Mississippi.  Like old boy, just fourteen years old,  shot, kicked, and beaten ‘cause he was so bold  to whistle at a woman who was white. 25  He was throwed in the river in the dead of night  In Money, Money, Mississippi,  Money, Mississippi.  I don’t want to go to Money, honey,  not Money, Mississippi. 30  No, I wouldn’t want to go to Money, honey,  down in Mississippi.  There’s pity, sorrow, and pain  in Money, Mississippi!  Tears and blood like rain 35  in Money, Mississippi,  in Money, Mississippi!  No, I wouldn’t want to go—  for no kind o’ Money—  to Money, Mississippi, 40  not Money, Mississippi!  Money, Mississippi! | The Death of Emmett Till (1962)  Was down in Mississippi not so long ago When a young boy from Chicago town Walked in a Southern door  This boy's fateful tragedy You all should remember well 5 The color of his skin was black And his name was Emmett Till  Some men, they dragged him to a barn And there they beat him up They said they had a reason 10 But I just can't remember what  They tortured him and did some things Too evil to repeat There were screaming sounds inside the barn There was laughing sounds out on the street 15  Then they rolled his body down a gulf Amidst a blood red rain And they threw him in the waters wide To cease his screaming pain  The reason that they killed him there 20 And I'm a-sure, it ain't no lie 'Cause he was born in black-skin barn He was born to die  And then to stop the United States Of yelling for a trial 25 Two brothers, they confessed That they had killed poor Emmett Till  But on the jury there were men Who had helped the brothers commit this awful crime And so this trial was a mockery 30 But nobody there seemed to mind  I saw the morning papers But I could not bear To see smiling brothers Walkin' down the courthouse stairs 35  For the jury found them innocent And the brothers, they went free While Emmett's body floats the foam Of a Jim Crow southern sea  If you can't speak out against this kind of thing 40 A crime that's so unjust Your eyes are filled with dead men's clay Your ears must be filled with dust  Your arms and legs They must be in shackles and chains 45 And your mind, it must cease to flow For you to let our human race Fall down so God-awful low  This song is just a reminder To remind your fellow man 50 That this kind of thing still lives today In that ghost-robed Ku Klux Klan  But if all of us folks that thinks alike If we gave all we could give We could make this great land of ours 55 A greater place to live |

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